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PALM BEACH COUNTY POPULATION SURPASSES HALF MILLION

Each fall the Area Planning Board is charged with preparing population estimates for Palm Beach County and the 37 member municipalities. According to the latest population estimates prepared by the Area Planning Board, Palm Beach County has a year-round population in excess of one-half million persons.

As of April 1, 1975, the Area Planning Board estimates the County population to be 516,914 with over two-thirds (68.8%) of the total living in municipalities and the remainder residing in the unincorporated area. The 1975 population total represents a 48.1% increase over the 1970 U. S. Census figure of 348,993 and roughly compares with the 52.1% increase experienced in the entire decade of the 1960's.

Page 2 lists the 1970 U. S. Census counts and the 1975 population estimates for all 37 municipalities in the County.

PALM BEACH COUNTY ELIGIBLE TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL PUBLIC WORKS FUNDS

Because of its high unemployment rate, Palm Beach County has been designated by the Secretary of Commerce as a redevelopment area under the provisions of the Public Works and Development Act of 1965 (P.L. 89-136). In order to qualify for the federal matching funds for the construction of public works and development facilities, the County has prepared an Overall Economic Development Program (O.E.D.P.).

The 25 member O.E.D.P. Committee, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, began meeting in March to document the economic history, current status, and development potential of the County. In preparing the O.E.D.P. report, the Research Division of the Area Planning Board served as the technical staff to the Committee.

The O.E.D.P. for Palm Beach County was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners at their May 25th meeting. The report has since been forwarded to officials of U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration for final approval. After approval by the federal authorities, Palm Beach County will be eligible to apply for matching funds for qualified projects.

While specific projects have not been identified in the report, the Committee did select some major project areas in which they would like to see development during the coming year:

- A comprehensive tourism industry incorporating convention facilities -- lodging and meeting space, sports complexes, and major attractions;
- Expansion and additional development of the Port of Palm Beach;
- Identification and development of sites with adequate utilities, transportation linkages, and harmonious adjacent land uses for industrial and commercial parks;
- Development of the agribusiness potential existing in the western County area such as establishing advanced sugar processing plants, candy manufacturing or other related sugar using industries, frozen food processing plants, or canneries;
- Revitalization of the Central Business Districts (downtown areas) of coastal municipalities including a balance of office and commercial facilities;
- Construction of proper treatment facilities and collection lines for sewage treatment according to governmental standards for environmental quality;
- Acquisition of sites for solid waste disposal and an investigation into alternative methods of solid waste disposal;

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ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION OF
PALM BEACH COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES
FOR APRIL 1, 1975

RANK		MUNICIPALITY	POPULATION	
1970	1975		1970	1975
28	26	ATLANTIS	425	1,102
7	7	BELLE GLADE	15,949	16,469
2	2	BOCA RATON	29,538 ¹	41,852
6	3	BOYNTON BEACH	18,115	37,460
26	29	BRINY BREEZES	481	798
36	36	CLOUD LAKE	136	136
5	4	DELRAY BEACH	19,915	33,674 ²
32	34	GLEN RIDGE	216	211
37	37	GOLF	50	125
34	35	GOLFVIEW	201	210
19	17	GREENACRES CITY	1,731	4,278
29	30	GULF STREAM	408	500
22	25	HAVERHILL	1,034	1,134
25	23	HIGHLAND BEACH	624	1,444
31	32	HYPOLUXO	336	385
24	27	JUNO BEACH	747	1,067
15	14	JUPITER	3,136	7,252
30	31	JUPITER INLET COLONY	396	464
18	20	LAKE CLARKE SHORES	2,328	3,378
11	11	LAKE PARK	6,993	8,791
3	5	LAKE WORTH	23,714	27,832
10	13	LANTANA	7,126	8,284
33	33	MANALAPAN	205	267
23	21	MANGONIA PARK	827	1,838
9	8	NORTH PALM BEACH	9,035	13,123
21	24	OCEAN RIDGE	1,074	1,227
13	15	PAHOKEE	5,663	5,805
8	10	PALM BEACH	9,086	9,924
12	9	PALM BEACH GARDENS	6,102	10,573
20	28	PALM BEACH SHORES	1,214	1,044 ²
14	12	PALM SPRINGS	4,340	8,469
4	6	RIVIERA BEACH	21,401	27,704
27	16	ROYAL PALM BEACH	475	4,506
16	19	SOUTH BAY	2,958	3,415
35	22	SOUTH PALM BEACH	188	1,620
17	18	TEQUESTA	2,642	3,882
1	1	WEST PALM BEACH	57,375	65,248
--	--	TOTAL INCORPORATED	256,184	355,491
--	--	UNINCORPORATED	92,809	161,423
--	--	PALM BEACH COUNTY	348,993	516,914

¹Includes the City of University Park, annexed to Boca Raton July 27, 1971.

²Represents an adjustment in a suspected overcount by the 1970 Census and does not reflect or imply a population decrease.

APB ACQUIRES OVER \$1,000,000 FOR PLANNING IN PALM BEACH COUNTY

AREA PLANNING BOARD ASSISTS PALM BEACH COUNTY IN APPLYING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

Under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Title I consolidates existing categorical grants for community development into the single Community Development Program, and Title II revises the laws governing federally assisted housing programs and authorizes a new housing assistance payment plan for low income persons. The Act allows more monies to flow into lower income areas to eliminate slums and blight, and it also provides an effective monitoring system as to how funds are spent.

With the assistance of the Area Planning Board, Palm Beach County received a federal grant of \$1,068,000 for their Community Development Program in fiscal year 1976. The APB has been instrumental in Palm Beach County securing an even larger grant for the coming fiscal year: \$2,364,000.

WPBUATS URBAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM CERTIFIED

The Federal Highway Administration has certified the Unified Work Program for the West Palm Beach Urban Area Transportation Study (WPBUATS). Under the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1973 (Section 112), funds have been allocated in the amount of \$63,106.00 for the '75-'76 fiscal planning year. These funds have been programmed to carry out several work elements required by the program, including surveillance of socio-economic variables and land use activities, preparation of traffic counts, preparation of a computerized land use information system, and coordination of transportation planning activities in Palm Beach County and South Florida. The allocated amount is matched with 10% State and 10% local shares.

AREA PLANNING BOARD CONTINUES ON GOING COMPREHENSIVE "701" PLANNING PROGRAM

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has provided a comprehensive planning (701) assistance grant to facilitate on-going areawide comprehensive planning within Palm Beach County during the past year. Grant approval was received by the APB in June 1975; the federal share amounted to \$62,000.00 with a local funding contribution of \$31,000.00 for a total of \$94,000.00.

These funds have enabled the APB to research and produce a variety of studies which are valuable in planning for future growth and development of Palm Beach County. The APB is in the process of completing projects such as an updated Housing Market Area Analysis, Economic Base Study, Comprehensive Coun-

tywide Development Plan, and Census Tract Boundary Analysis. Additionally, "701" funds have aided the APB in providing public information, in reviewing projects requesting federal financial assistance in the County, and in updating the recreation data base.

AREA PLANNING BOARD RETAINS CONSULTANT ASSISTANCE FOR "208" PROGRAM

On May 29, 1975, the Environmental Protection Agency awarded a Section "208" (P.L. 92-500) grant to the APB. The grant amount totals \$984,000 which is 100% federal funds. The funds are being used for a two (2) year planning program to develop an Areawide Waste Treatment Management Plan for Palm Beach County.

To complement staff in the Areawide Waste Treatment project, the APB has hired the following consultants with Section "208" funds:

1. Greenleaf/Telesca & Roy F. Weston, Inc. - Consultants in water quality problems and their causes and recommend eventual solutions.
2. Hayes, Seay, Mattern and Mattern Consultants - Institutional and management consultants whose job is to incorporate solutions for water quality problems and recommend what type of institutional arrangements are best equipped to solve the problems.
3. Gannett, Flemming, Corddry, & Carpenter Consultants - Public participation consultants who, under a major requirement set up by the Environmental Protection Agency, are responsible for citizen participation and input. They thus conduct public hearings at different stages throughout the process and generally inform the public of what is taking place.

The three consulting firms were hired from among 125 firms which applied.

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- Construction of proper treatment facilities and distribution lines for adequate water supply of acceptable quality according to governmental standards;
- Construction and/or expansion of fire stations;
- Construction and/or expansion of municipal complexes such as administrative centers or auditoriums;
- Construction of needed educational facilities for all age groups with particular emphasis on vocational and technical centers; and
- Construction and development of medical and health care facilities such as hospitals, clinics, and mental health centers.

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